

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A coated material and a process for producing the coated material which includes providing a coating agent comprising yeast cell wall fractions, as a primary constituent, consisting of cell residue of yeast which has been treated with enzymes, optionally subsequently with acidic solution, and water to remove internal soluble cell constituents; and coating a solid material with the coating agent to provide a coating thereon.